

a mouth portion whose surface area of a portion surrounded by a horizontal cross-section is smaller than the surface area of said trunk portion; and

a shoulder portion which is narrowed down from said trunk portion to said mouth portion;

wherein:

the amount of the contents of said plastic container is 800 to 3000 ml;

the average thickness of said trunk portion is 0.2 to 0.7 mm;

the ratio of a length H of said trunk portion to a length L of a diagonal line of a rectangle formed by outer periphery of a horizontal cross section of said trunk portion (H/L) is 2 to 4; and

each of the vertexes of the rectangle formed by the outer periphery of the horizontal cross-section of said trunk portion forms an arc-shaped configuration so that a radius R of curvature of the vertex is 3 to 20 mm.

12. (Amended) A plastic container for containing photographic processing chemicals, comprising:

a bottom portion which has a substantially rectangular bottom surface;

a trunk portion which is formed by four side surfaces formed by flat planes which rise up vertically from respective sides of the bottom surface and which is substantially rectangular pipe-shaped;

a mouth portion whose surface area of a portion surrounded by a horizontal cross section is smaller than the surface area of said trunk portion; and

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a shoulder portion which is narrowed down from said trunk portion to said mouth portion,

wherein:

the amount of the contents of said plastic container is 800 to 3000 ml;

the average thickness of said trunk portion is 0.2 to 0.7 mm;

the ratio of a length H of said trunk portion to a length L of a diagonal line of a rectangle formed by the outer periphery of a horizontal cross section of said trunk portion (H/L) is 2 to 4;

each of the vertexes of the rectangle formed by the outer periphery of the horizontal cross section of said trunk portion forms an arc-shaped configuration so that a radius R of curvature of the vertex is 3 to 20 mm; and

a removal opening is provided at the inner periphery of said mouth portion and is closed by a seal member which can be punched by one of a pipe-shaped body and a rod-shaped body.

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(Amended) A plastic container, comprising:

a bottom portion which has a substantially rectangular bottom surface;

a trunk portion which is formed by four flat planar sides which rise up vertically from respective sides of the bottom surface and which is substantially rectangular pipe-shaped;

a mouth portion whose surface area of a portion surrounded by a horizontal cross section is smaller than the surface area of said trunk portion; and

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a shoulder portion which is narrowed down from said trunk portion to said mouth portion,

wherein:

the amount of the contents of said plastic container is 800 to 3000 ml;

the average thickness of said trunk portion is 0.2 to 0.7 mm;

the ratio of a length H of said trunk portion to length L of a diagonal line of a rectangle formed by the outer periphery of a horizontal cross section of said trunk portion (H/L) is 2 to 4;

each of the vertexes of the rectangle formed by the outer periphery of the horizontal cross section of said trunk portion forms an arc-shaped configuration so that a radius R of curvature of the vertex is 3 to 20 mm; and

a removal opening is provided at the inner periphery of said mouth portion and is closed by a seal member which can be punched by one of a pipe-shaped body and a rod-shaped body,

a method of supplying photographic processing chemicals which uses said plastic container, comprising the steps of:

holding said container for photographic processing chemicals filled with photographic processing chemicals above a replenishing tank of an automatic processor so that the removal opening of the container faces downwardly; and

opening the seal member of said container for photographic processing chemicals by pressing from below by a pipe-shaped body and opening said removal opening.

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21 ~~20~~ (Amended) A plastic container, comprising:

- a bottom portion which has a substantially rectangular bottom surface;
- a trunk portion which is formed by four side surfaces formed by flat planes which rise up vertically from respective sides of the bottom surface and which is substantially rectangular pipe-shaped;
- a mouth portion whose surface area of a portion surrounded by a horizontal cross section is smaller than the surface area of said trunk portion; and
- a shoulder portion which is narrowed down from said trunk portion to said mouth portion;

wherein:

- the amount of the contents of said plastic container is 800 to 3000 ml;
- the average thickness of said trunk portion is 0.2 to 0.7 mm;
- the ratio of a length H of said trunk portion to a length L of a diagonal line of a rectangle formed by the outer periphery of a horizontal cross section of said trunk portion (H/L) is 2 to 4;
- each of the vertexes of the rectangle formed by the outer periphery of the horizontal cross section of said trunk portion forms an arc-shaped configuration so that a radius R of curvature of the vertex is 3 to 20 mm; and
- a removal opening is provided at the inner periphery of said mouth portion and is closed by a seal member which can be punched by one of a pipe-shaped body and a rod-shaped body,

a device for supplying photographic processing chemicals which supplies photographic processing chemicals to an automatic processor using said container for photographic processing chemicals, comprising:

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holding means which holds a container for photographic processing chemicals filled with photographic processing chemicals above a replenishing tank of an automatic processor so that the removal opening of the container faces downwardly;

a pipe-shaped body which is provided at said automatic processor so that said pipe-shaped body is able to be raised and lowered, said pipe-shaped body pressing from below the seal member of said container for photographic processing chemicals held by said holding means and opening said removal opening;

a discharge opening formed at said pipe-shaped body; and

supply means which is provided at said automatic processor and supplies washing water to said pipe-shaped body and discharges the washing water through said discharge opening.

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